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We, Elaine Fuchs, Tudorita Tumbar, Cedrick Blanpain and William E. Lowry hereby declare:

1. We are co-inventors in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/580,511, filed February 13, 2007, and are most familiar with the subject matter of this application and the research effort that led to the present invention.

2. We are co-authors along with Geraldine Guasch, Valentina Greco, and Michael Rendl of the paper entitled "Defining the Epithelial Stem Cell Niche in Skin," published online December 11, 2003 in the journal *Science*.

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3. While co-authors Geraldine Guasch conducted FACS sorting experiments, Valentina Greco carried out immunostaining analyses, and Michael Rendl assisted in the statistical analysis of data, all of which was instrumental in the preparation of the paper, these individuals did not contribute to the conceptualization of subject matter of the invention claimed in U.S. Application Serial No. 10/580,511. As such, the paper entitled "Defining the Epithelial Stem Cell Niche in Skin" is our, the co-inventors, own work and not by another.

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